

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 14

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

TO THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE STATE OF IDAHO IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PRIME MINISTER OF SPAIN, THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BASQUE AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FORAL GOVERNMENT OF NAVARRE.

We, your Memorialists, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Idaho assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, do hereby respectfully represent that:

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is a North American center of the Basque population, and many of those citizens of this state have kept close ties to the homeland of their forefathers; and

WHEREAS, from the time of the government of the last dictatorship in Spain until the present, the Basque Country has experienced decades of terror and violence; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Second Regular Session of the Forty-first Idaho Legislature adopted Senate Joint Memorial No. 115 that condemned the government of the last dictatorship in Spain and urged peace and democracy in the Basque Country; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-sixth Idaho Legislature unanimously adopted Senate Joint Memorial No. 114 that condemned all terrorist organizations operating in the world and specifically the terrorist organization Euskadi 'ta Askatasuna (ETA) in Spain and expressed strong support for an immediate end to all violence in the Basque Country and for the establishment of peace and freedom through all democratic and lawful means as well as the recognition of the right to self-determination; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Second Regular Session of the Fifty-eighth Idaho Legislature adopted House Joint Memorial No. 26 that condemned all acts of terrorism and violence by all organizations and individuals within the Basque Country and throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-first Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the State of Idaho recognizes and commends ETA's statements of a definitive cessation of its armed activity and end to terrorism, and further commends the governments of Spain, France, the Basque Autonomous Community and Navarre for their actions to promote dialogue on the future of the Basque territories and achieving a lasting peace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Idaho extends its encouragement and support to their democratic governments in their ongoing efforts to establish a negotiation process to create a lasting peace, to recognize all

1 victims of terrorism and to consider all democratic forms of referenda on the
2 constitutional future of the Basque territories.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representa-
4 tives be, and she is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this
5 Memorial to the President and Secretary of State of the United States, the
6 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of
7 Congress, the congressional delegation representing the State of Idaho in
8 the Congress of the United States, the Prime Minister of Spain, the President
9 of France, the President of the Basque Autonomous Community and the Presi-
10 dent of the Foral Government of Navarre.